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The District 2 Spot Lighted "Employee Of The Month"

Kristi Larsen began her career with the Scottsdale Police Department as a Police Aide in January 1983. Kristi has held several positions such as: Field Trainer, Crime Scene Specialist, Defensive Driving Instructor, Intelligence Administrator and Detective Administrator. Kristi is currently the District 2 Station's Police Aide. She assists people that call in the Station for information and she assists those whom she greets in the lobby of District 2. For several years Kristi played an active role in the selection process, as she served on the oral boards for new Police Aide candidates. Kristi is one of the most "Down To Earth" individuals one would ever meet. For that reason, she is quite an asset to the organization and is quite successful as a member of the Police Department's Peer Support Team. Kristi's outstanding leadership, knowledge of her job and personality rewarded her in 1998, as she received the honorable, "*Police Aide Of The Year Award*."

In Kristi's spare time she enjoys reading and cruising the ocean blues.



MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER MICHAEL D. ROSENBERGER

On behalf of the police employees of District 2, I would like to wish our community a safe and happy holiday season. Our dedicated employees continue to work professionally and tirelessly to serve the citizenry of the district. We ask that everyone in the community assist us during this holiday season by taking some elementary crime prevention precautions to minimize the risk of becoming a victim during this highly celebrated time of year. Unfortunately, criminals do prey heavily on victims during the holidays. A few basic steps you can take include keeping your vehicle locked at all times and keeping valuables out of sight from inside your vehicle, as well as staying aware of your surroundings. Please do not hesitate to call the police department for any suspicious activity that you observe. We would rather respond to a suspicious activity call and prevent a crime, than have to complete a crime report after someone has been victimized. By working together we can minimize the risk of becoming a crime victim and keep the holiday season a safe and enjoyable time for all. Again, I wish you, your family and friends a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to speaking to you next month.

Michael Rosenberger-District 2 Commander
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Ridding A Neighborhood Of Their Problems



The Scottsdale Police Department discovers a horrific scene at a residence due to a concerned neighbor.

On Friday, November 5, 2004, Sgt. Mark Brachtl and Officer Officer Tim Dykman responded to a check welfare call at the 8100 block of East Rovey Avenue. The residence was discovered having deplorable living conditions outside and inside the home, as viewed in the above photographs. There was 1 dog outside, 20+ cats inside, 3 feet of miscellaneous trash items and feces throughout the inside of the house accompanying insect infestation and a fowl odor.

Multiple resources from the City responded to the residence, which included *PCIS (Crisis Unit)*, *Rural Metro Fire Department*, *Violent Crimes Detectives*, *the Humane Society* and *City Code Enforcement*. Code Enforcement is now aggressively enforcing multiple code violations on the house and will clean up a problem that neighbors say they have been complaining about for a long time.

The cooperation between Code Enforcement and the Police Department to resolve this problem is just one example of how it can sometimes require multiple entities from the City to resolve a given problem.

ARIZONA CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION



The ACPA (Arizona Crime Prevention Association) was created in 1977 by crime prevention officers, civilian employees, volunteers and members of security and loss prevention industries. Their mission is to work with communities in an effort to reduce crime. The ACPA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. To learn more about the ACPA or to find out how to become a member, go to their website at: www.acpa.net

Scottsdale Police Department



2005 Calendars Now Available

Be one of the first to get your copy of the new 2005 Scottsdale Police Department's Calendar. The cost is only \$5.00 per calendar, and the proceeds raised from the calendar sales will benefit Scottsdale Police Department's Youth Programs.

Calendars are ready for purchase, and are expected to sell out quickly. Order several while supplies last. ***They make great gifts!***

To order: Contact Chris Vassall at (480) 312-5050 or cvassall@scottsdaleaz.gov

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From The Desk Of Officer Mark R. Ruffennach

I wish to leave you this year with one final note when it comes to Holiday Shopping. When shopping with your children have them close by your side and don't let them wonder off by themselves.

In 1981 a horrific event happened to the Walsh family when Adam Walsh (son of Reve and John Walsh) went to the video area of a store to play. There were other children nearby playing as well. His mother stood 75 feet from him while shopping for lamps. Reve was gone for about 7 minutes and when she returned to get Adam, he was gone. She called his name, as she walked down each aisle. She realized that not only was Adam gone, but also all the children were gone, and the video was silent. Revé spotted a boy about Adam's age wearing the same hat as Adam. She asked the child if he had seen another boy with the same hat. He nodded yes and pointed to the west door. Revé was positive that Adam would not go out the west door. The toy department clerk said she had not seen Adam. Revé started asking anyone she could find, but they all said the same things.

*Oh, well, he probably just wandered off.
I'll bet he went looking for you.*

*Well you know how kids are; maybe he went off
with the rest of the kids.*

Sixteen days after Adam Walsh disappeared from that local department store, his body was positively identified through dental records and by a friend of the family. To date, no one has been indicted for the abduction and death of Adam Walsh.

If your child is missing from you while in the store, immediately advise a store clerk. In most cases they will perform a "lock down" of the store called, "Code Adam." We will never

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know whether or not Adam would have survived on that July morning in 1981 if a program like Code Adam had been in place, but this program has the potential to save many children like Adam. Since its development and implementation 10 years ago, Code Adam has successfully thwarted abductions in progress. *John Walsh is cofounder of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and host of FOX television's "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back." Most stores at this time have implemented Code Adam, but if you know of a store that would like to learn more about the program, please have them call me.

In the mean time, I wish you, your family and friends a very safe and Happy Holiday Season. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (480) 312-5696 or e-mail me at: mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov

Sincerely,

Mark R. Ruffennach
Crime Prevention-District 2



Scottsdale Police Recruitment

The Scottsdale Police Department is actively seeking qualified individuals to become police officers. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call Officer Greg Carlin at (480) 312-5384 or e-mail him at: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov